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COUNTRY <u>East Germany</u>		REPORT <u>[REDACTED]</u>	
TOPIC <u>Military Activities in the Area of the Third Shock Army</u>			
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1. Between 5 and 10 August 1955, the Encke Kaserne (5281) in Magdeburg was occupied by a higher staff and a signal unit. The majority of persons observed were high-ranking officers including generals. Forty double telephone lines on permanent poles led to the installation; joined in front of the installation and underground, led into the installation. The occupation of the installation was estimated at some 400 persons including 100 to 150 uniformed women.<sup>1</sup> 25X1
2. Between 6 and 9 August, the Nachrichten Kaserne (5286) in Magdeburg was almost 50 percent occupied.<sup>2</sup> The west section of the Seeckt Kaserne (5287) was vacant, the east section was occupied by 80 to 100 soldiers wearing black-bordered black epaulets with bridge-building engineer insignia.<sup>3</sup> Little traffic was observed in the Encke Kaserne. On 7 August, 4 M-13 rocket launchers crossed the northern road bridge toward the east and, on 8 August, some 10 trucks and 6x120-mm mortars and, later, 6 trucks loaded with 120-mm mortars, 1 radio truck, 1 field kitchen and many individual vehicles, including armored personnel carriers and radio trucks, went in the same direction. At 2100, 2 columns, each of 4 trucks and 2 x 76-mm field guns also went in this direction. Intensive traffic by individual vehicles which went in the same direction continued during the night.<sup>4</sup>
3. At about 2150 on 1 August, at least 9 half-track vehicles, 9 guns, presumably 100-mm AT guns, and some 70 soldiers were entrained at the Burg railroad station.<sup>5</sup>
4. On 11 August, the installation in Tangermünde (5601) was occupied by 100 to 150 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery and black-bordered black epaulets with signal insignia. Four ZIS-3 76-mm guns were seen in the installation.<sup>6</sup>
5. At about 2230 on 26 July, a shipment of 8 T-34/85 tanks, 3 six-wheel armored personnel carriers, approximately 6 trucks and 13 converted boxcars, each occupied by 15 soldiers, was unloaded at the Haldensleben railroad station. At 0130 on 28 July, a train was assembled at the same station. The train was no longer observed there at 0230. The train, which was headed toward

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Magdeburg, carried 8 trucks, 3 field kitchens, 6 six-wheel armored personnel carriers, and, on 5 converted boxcars, some 100 soldiers. It also had 2 additional boxcars. No shipments were observed at the station between 31 July and 2 August.<sup>7</sup>

1. [ ] Comment. The ~~Encke~~ Kaserne is believed to be occupied by the Hq Third Shock Army. The elements, which left on 9 July for a command-post exercise, apparently returned to the installation.
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3. [ ] Comment. This installation is supposedly occupied by the 36th Bridge Bldg Regt of GSFG, which is still believed stationed in the engineer training area near Dessau.
4. [ ] Comment. Elements of the 19th Gds Mecz Div, returned to Magdeburg from Letzling Heath.
5. [ ] Comment. These were presumably elements of the 304th Arty Brig of the LXXIX Mtz Rifle Corps. A shipment with 12 gun howitzers of this brigade had been dispatched to Letzling Heath as early as 30 July. [ ]
6. [ ] Comment. The installation is believed to be occupied by the 953d AAA Bn of the 207th Mtz Rifle Div. The presence there of ZIS-3 guns cannot be explained.
7. [ ] Comment. Maldensleben is one of the loading stations of the Letzling Heath training grounds.

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